

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Southampton Township Committee was held on February 21st, 2023 at the Robert L. Thompson Building, 5 Retreat Road, Southampton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Mikulski at 6:00 PM and followed by a salute to the Flag of the United States of America.

A roll call confirmed those Committee members who were present, which included: Mayor Michael Mikulski, Committeeman Ronald Heston, Committeewoman Elizabeth Rossell, and Deputy Mayor William Raftery. Committeeman James F. Young, Sr. was excused.

The Mayor read the following statement: Public Notice of the meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given by the Township in the following manner: Posting a copy of the agenda on the bulletin board in the municipal building; Filing a copy of the agenda with the Central Record and the Burlington County Times; Posting a copy of the agenda on the Township website; Filing a copy of the agenda in the office of the Municipal Clerk; Mailing written notice to each person who has requested copies of the regular meeting schedule.

MINUTES:

Reorganization Minutes of January 2, 2023

Board of Health Reorganization Minutes of January 2, 2023

Regular Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2023

Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman Rossell, and Deputy Mayor Raftery all voted in the affirmative. James F. Young, Sr. arrived after the roll call at 6:14 PM as noted.

ORDINANCES:

Second Reading

Ordinance 2023-01

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 (Land Development), Section 12-10.1, Entitled "Application Requirements," of the Revised General Code of the Township of Southampton

Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion.

Mayor Mikulski opened Ordinance 2023-01 to the public for comment.

No one wishing to be heard the public portion was closed.

At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman Rossell and Deputy Mayor Raftery all voted in the affirmative. Committeeman Young was absent for Ordinance 2023-01.

Ordinance 2023-02

Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 (Land Development), Section 12-8.6(b)(3), of the Revised General Code of the Township of Southampton Entitled “Procedures for Applications for Development- Zoning Permits”

Committeeman Raftery made a motion to approve. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion.

Mayor Mikulski opened Ordinance 2023-03 to the public for comment.

Evie Doherty 56 Stratford Rd- How much was the fee that is being eliminated. Kathleen D. Hoffman Clerk/ Administrator stated the \$35 application fee is being waived for all applicants.

No one else in the public wishing to comment the public portion was closed.

At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman Rossell and Deputy Mayor Raftery all voted in the affirmative. Committeeman Young was absent for Ordinance 2023-02.

Ordinance 2023-03

Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank
Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion.

Mayor Mikulski opened Ordinance 2023-03 to the public for comment.

No one wishing to be heard the public portion was closed.

At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman Rossell and Deputy Mayor Raftery all voted in the affirmative. Committeeman Young was absent for Ordinance 2023-03.

First Reading

Ordinance 2023-04

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19, Pinelands Development, and Chapter 21, Waste Disposal/Pollution Control/Stormwater Management, of the Code of the Township of Southampton

Mayor Mikulski made a motion to approve. Committeeman Raftery seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman Rossell and Deputy Mayor Raftery all voted in the affirmative. Committeeman Young was absent for Ordinance 2023-04.

Ordinance 2023-05

An Ordinance of the Township of Southampton to Amend Fees for Sewer Service

Mayor Mikulski made a motion to approve. Committeeman Raftery seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeewoman Rossell and Deputy Mayor Raftery all voted in the affirmative. Committeeman Heston voted no. Committeeman Young was absent for Ordinance 2023-05.

Committeeman Heston commented that the fee should not be retroactive and he would like to view a report that shows the impact to the sewer budget if the fee it is not made retroactive.

Ordinance 2023-06

An Ordinance Amending Sewer Service and Connection Fees

Committeeman Raftery made a motion to approve. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeewoman Rossell and Deputy Mayor Raftery all voted in the affirmative. Committeeman Heston voted no.

Committeeman Young was absent for Ordinance 2023-06.

Committeeman Heston commented that the fee should not be retroactive.

Let the record reflect Committeeman Young arrived at 6:14 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS 2023-28 through 2023-35

Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve consent agenda resolutions 2023-028 through 2023-035. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Raftery, and Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Resolution 2023-28

Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property of Southampton Township

Resolution 2023-29

Resolution Authorizing Spraying for Gypsy Moths

Resolution 2023-30

Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement between the Burlington County Soil Conservation District and Southampton Township for Stormwater Management Facility Inspections and Other Related Services

Resolution 2023-31

Resolution of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, Making Certain Appointments for Professional Services for the Township of Southampton for the Year 2022 for Township Labor Counsel

Resolution 2023-32

A Resolution Recommended by the Tax Assessor Authorizing the Tax Collector to Make Certain Adjustments to Records and Accounts- Disabled Veteran Handt

Resolution 2023-33

A Resolution of the Township of Southampton Making Certain Further Adjustments in the Tax Collector's Records and Accounts

Resolution 2023-34

A Resolution Awarding Farm Lease for 119 Landing Street

Resolution 2023-35
Transfer of 2022 Appropriation Reserves

LICENSES:

Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Raftery, and Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Trailer:

1	Vito	Cilluffo	Red Star Pizza
4	Gary	Mach	Diamond Lumber

Body Art:

Uncanny Art

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve. Committeeman Raftery seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Raftery, and Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Members of the public are invited to submit comments during the public comment portion of this meeting. The Committee, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, will not publicly discuss personnel matters and may choose not to respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting; however, the Committee will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all individual complaints to the Township Administrator or appropriate Township Representative for resolution. Each citizen will be allotted up to three (3) minutes to speak, in order to allow everyone an opportunity to express their opinions or concerns.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mayor Mikulski opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Mayor Mikulski provided an update on the wolf hybrid dogs that were loose over the weekend. Phone calls were made to the appropriate authorities. State Police and Animal Control were out to the residence multiple times and have the situation under control.

Kathy Rosmando, 18 Ridge Road- Lives on the road where the dogs were loose. Questioned how many dogs they have total. Mayor Mikulski stated the dog ordinance in place by Southampton restricts the number of dogs as well as having them under control at all times.

Jim Heffernan, Vincent Fire Department- Reported on calls for January. 26 calls total. Alarm system call numbers are going down.

Mayor Mikulski commented on the new tanker truck that was ordered for Hampton Lakes Fire Department will be arriving in about 45 days.

Mayor Mikulski addressed Tom Haluszczak about the engineer looking at the roadway leading into

Retreat Road from Leisuretown. A sketch was drawn up but hasn't had a chance to look at it as it just came in.

Tom Haluszczak, 792 Westminster Drive N- Will there be a report generated for the sketch that can be reviewed. Mayor Mikulski will review the sketch. Tom thanked Mayor Mikulski for taking it seriously.

Kim Frymire, 16 Ridge Road- Questioned the Township's ordinance about dogs and to make one regarding a hybrid dog. Her cat was killed by the dogs. Mayor Mikulski stated there cannot be a breed specific ordinance by law.

Deb Massey, 1 Farrington Court- Commented on Tom Haluszczak's comments from a news article in the Pine Barrens Tribune regarding dogs and people that have died on the roadway in the back entrance of Leisuretowne. Called the Red Lion Police and they were not able to substantiate the comments.

Evie Doherty, 56 Stratford Road- Thanked the Mayor and Committeeman Heston for updating the website. Suggested updating the dog ordinances by forming a committee to look them over.

Eamonn Fitzpatrick-Ruth, Hampton Lakes Emergency Squad- Reported on calls for service. 189 calls in January. There were 0 out of service days in January. 2 volunteer members and 2 career members started in February. A full time employee has been hired and will be sworn in on March 13th at 6:30. 2 supervisors and 2 Board of Trustees will also be sworn in at the meeting. Hosted a CPR class at Seneca High School for students, teachers and staff.

Eamonn as Office of Emergency Management- Working on the EOP that is due in June for re-certification and the Community Resiliency Grant.

Pat Topham, 450 New Road- Concerned about the loose hybrid wolf dogs. Walks daily in the neighborhood where they were seen. Mayor Mikulski stated there will be a resolution by this weekend.

Kathy Rosmando, 18 Ridge Road- How can we be assured that there will be a resolution. Mayor Mikulski stated the authorities will enforce the 5 dog limit.

Pat Kennedy, 11 Retreat Road- Looking for an update from the auditor about the sewer system in the village. Mayor Mikulski stated the sewer system was self-sufficient in 2021 and 2022. A line item will be in the budget for repairs and maintenance.

No one else wishing to be heard the public portion was closed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ron Heston: Would like to receive information sooner for the meetings.

James Young: Apologized for arriving late to the meeting due to a well problem.

Elizabeth Rossell: Attended the Board of Education meeting.

Mike Mikulski: Plans for the fireworks, Memorial Day and the 4th of July are starting. Anyone wishing to volunteer please reach out.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:37

Resolution 2023-36 For the Purpose of Discussing Contract Negotiations. No formal action will be taken.

Committeeman Heston made a motion to approve. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Raftery and Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Let the record reflect the governing body has entered into executive session.

Let the record reflect the governing body has returned after the discussion of the above as stated. No formal action.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:06 PM

Committeeman Heston made a motion to adjourn. Committeewoman Rossell seconded the motion. At the call of the roll Mayor Mikulski, Committeeman Heston, Committeewoman Rossell, Deputy Mayor Raftery, and Committeeman Young all voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen D Hoffman, RMC
Township Administrator/Clerk